

Participation of women in education

2902. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to implement a National Action Plan to ensure more participation of women in the field of education;

(b) if so, by when it is likely to be finalized;

(c) the salient features of the said scheme;

(d) the norms for selecting universities for giving grants under this scheme; and

(e) the names of universities which are being considered for these grants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (e) No, Sir. Government is not contemplating any such National Action Plan. However, the Ministry of Human Resource Development and its nodal organizations are already undertaking several schemes to promote female education in the country.

Changes in NCERT Books

†2903. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the books of which classes have been changed by NCERT in the academic session for the year 2007-08;

(b) the number of books required for each class in the ongoing session and the number of books printed so far by NCERT;

(c) the reasons for not providing books on time;

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(d) the reasons or not taking any action against the responsible officers of NCERT by Government;

(e) whether it is a fact that the private publishers are selling their books at higher prices violating the piracy rule; and

(f) if so, the action taken against such publishers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Based on the National Curriculum Framework-2005, National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has developed new textbooks for the following Classes and subjects.

Class	Subject
	H Hindi, English, Urdu Language and Mathematics
	IV Hindi, English, Urdu Language, Mathematics and EVS
VII	Hindi, English, Urdu Language, Sanskrit, Mathematics, Science, History, Geography and Political Science (Social-Political Life)
X	Hindi, English, Urdu Language, Sanskrit, Mathematics, Science, History, Geography, Economics and Political Science
XI	Hindi, English, Urdu Language, Sanskrit, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, History, Geography, Economics, Political Science, Sociology, Business Studies, Accountancy, Psychology

(b) All the original editions (50 titles) required for the classes and subjects mentioned in the reply (a) have already been published.

(c) and (d) All the reprint titles for Classes I, III, V, VI, VIII, IX and XI were made available well before time across the country or the academic session 2007-08.

(e) and (f) NCERT makes the textbooks available to Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) affiliated schools through the network of 235 wholesale agents, and not through private publishers.